

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HIGH-END PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Institute of Technology, Bangalore and the Nagpur-based Kanetkar's Institute of Computing and Information Technology signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish 'The Centre for Programming Excellence' in Bangalore to produce high-end programmes;

(b) if so, the main points of the agreement;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this envisages to set up the Centre in IIIT-B premises and offer courses on programming in different areas such as graphic, internet, etc; and

(d) if so, the extent to which this Centre for Programming Excellence intends to produce high-end programmes with internet's reach and the Institute's methodology of teaching?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The main points of the agreement are:

- to develop, maintain and upgrade various educational courses, study materials etc. in the field of IT;
- to run and conduct such courses;
- to organize, conduct, undertake, manage and sponsor seminars, symposia and workshops;
- to conduct examinations, aptitude tests etc;
- otherwise do all such other activities as are incidental to the attainment of the above objectives through any possible medium including Web, brick and mortar, video, audio, etc. for the general benefit of students and/or public at large and
- to secure a gainful employment.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The programmes are targeted to be at the high-end i.e. programmes with emphasis on programming languages, database and operating systems, networks and graphics. The Institute faculty and Mr. Yeshwant Kanetkar (Visiting faculty at the Institute for the past 18 months) would together develop the material which would be truly world class.